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IN THE MATTER OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMES AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE ILLTREATMENT OF
BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR AT PENANG, MALAYA.

A F F I D A V I T.

I, Captain Peter Rainier ADAMS, 1/8 Punjab Regiment, with permanent home address at 20, Napier Gardens, Kent, make oath and say as follows:-

1. I was captured in Penang on 19 December, 1941, and was taken to the civil gaol there on the same day where I remained until I was transferred to the gaol at TAIPING about the beginning of February 1942. 2nd Lieutenants M. GOULD and DOMINION of the 2/1 Gurkhas and F. PATTISON of the Leicestershire Regiment were also taken to the gaol with me. The four of us and about 60 British other ranks were confined in one room which only allowed a space of one yard per man. No beds or furniture of any kind was provided and we had to sleep on the bare stone floor.
2. Our food consisted of about 12 ounces of rice a day, with an infinitesimal amount of vegetables and without any salt.
3. The sanitary arrangements consisted of one, or at the most two, lavatories for all of us. These were in the same room in which we had to eat and sleep and very soon the drains became blocked. This resulted in there being a continuous vile stench in the room.]
4. I was the senior officer in the room apart from the first day when Maj. E.R. ANDREW, 1/8 Punjab Regiment, was there. He was taken away the following day and was sent to the mainland. There did not appear to be any Japanese officer in the gaol and we were guarded by the Japanese soldiers, Sikh policemen and Malay warders under the command of a Japanese NCO. We were frequently visited by a Japanese 2nd Lieutenant whose name I do not know, but whom I took to be an Intelligence Officer as he frequently interrogated me and had also something to do with the local broadcasting service. We were also occasionally visited by the Japanese commander of the island whose name I do not know either.
5. Sick men were not allowed to leave the room and had to be attended to there. Despite frequent requests by me to Japanese 2nd Lieutenant and the Japanese commander of the island that the sick men should be allowed to go to hospital the Japanese refused to allow this. No attention was paid by them to complaints regarding any other matters such as food, sanitary conditions, etc.
6. One day CSM ROBERTS of the Leicestershire Regiment was taken out of the room by the Japanese guard. He was brought back within an hour in a very faint condition. He showed me his injuries which consisted of bruises and weals. He told me he had been beaten by a Japanese in front of the Sikh and Malay warders, several of whom had also beaten him afterwards on Japanese orders.]

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7. While I was in this room I was frequently asked by the Japanese 2nd Lieutenant to broadcast for the Japanese. When I refused to do so he did not threaten me in any way or attempt to use physical force.

8. After I had been in this room about 3 weeks, 2nd Lieutenant GOULD and I were taken away and put in solitary confinement in two condemned cells opposite each other. We were kept there for about 5 weeks. Our food was much the same as we had been issued with before. Very often when the guards brought us our food they refused to open the door to put it in. This meant that we had to take it through the bars of the cell and this necessitated turning the dish sideways so that any liquid in it ran out. Our latrine buckets remained in our cells all day and all night except for five minutes per day which we were given to empty them.

9. One day within the first two weeks of our being placed in solitary confinement 2nd Lieutenant GOULD was taken away by a Japanese guard. A few hours later he was brought back and he told me that he had been taken to Broadcasting House where he had been beaten up. He described this beating up to me as follows: First of all he was slapped in the face. He was then knocked unconscious with a blow from an iron bar on the back of the head and brought round by having water poured over him. Next he was beaten with the iron bar on the back and finally he was blindfolded and orange sticks were pushed under one of his nails. He said that all this had been done on the orders of the Japanese 2nd Lieutenant who was present throughout. He showed me through the bars of his cell the weals on his back, the large lump on the back of his head and a red mark under one of his fingernails.]

10. After being in solitary confinement for about 5 weeks 2nd Lt. GOULD and I together with the remainder of the prisoners in the gaol were transferred to TAIPING Gaol. 2nd Lieutenants DOMINY and PATTISON also spent the last two weeks of our stay at PENNG in solitary confinement in the condemned cells.

SWNM by the above-named Peter Rainier)
Adams, at 6 Spring Gardens in the city)
of Westminster, this Fourth day of)
March, 1946.) (Signed) P.R. ADAMS.

Before me,

(Signed) A.M. BELL-MCDONALD,
Major, Legal Staff.
Mil. Dept. Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Certified true copy of original affidavit.

18th April 1946.

(Signed) R.B. LAMB, Lt. Colonel.
AG War Crimes, HQ ALFSE.

(PETER RAINER ADAMS)

セーラー、マーティン・アダムス 大尉

ノボラブンジヤア聯隊本營地ハクニ縣「ナセアガーナ
シズニ。宣誓ト一記。サクロ述ス。

一私ハ一九四一年（昭和十六年）十二月十九日、ペナンテア
捕虜トナリシタ。同日其他一牢獄ニ入ヒラレ、一九
四二年一（昭和十七年）二月始メ「クライビン」一牢獄ニ
送リシル迄シヨニシマシタ。

シガーカーブ、エム・カーレルト、足ロ「ドミニイ」、両
少尉ミニ「イニシタ」、イニヤ、聯隊ノエフ・ペティソ
少尉生ミ私ト共ニソノ牢獄ニ連シテ行カレマシタ
私共四人良ビ約六十人ノ英國下士卒ハツノ室ニ
三禁サレマシタ。其ノ室ハ一人ニツキ一「ヤード」
場所ヲキヘルタケノモノアシタ。四床家具類等
何モナク私共ハ4キタシノ石ノ床ノ上ニ明ラネバナリマ
セシニシタ。

二我々、食糧ハ一日ナニオ朱ノ米及全然

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三、塙某モテイ極僅力；野菜タテニタ。
三、衛生設備ハ私共全般、爲ニテサスハニテ所、便所
ガリマシタ。之等ハ我々が食べタリ寝タリスル同シ室
ニアツコモク排水渠ハ塵ガツアシマツ、ソノ結果要
求が皇ニ何時モ充満シテキマシタ。
五、病人モ室ヲ離ル事ヲ許サセテ、テ看護ヲ受け
本バリマシタ。私が何度も日本人、少尉やツ、鳥
指揮官ニ病人ヲ病院ニ入レ事ヲ許可セラレタシト要
求シタモ猶ラベ日本人ハ之ヲ拒ミマシタ。彼等ハ食物
衛生設備、其、他ニ用スル然々、不平ニ何、注意モ稀ツ
テクレマセブシタ。
六、或日セシヌタリヤア、聯隊、バート、曹
長（ヘンコ）ガ日本人見張リニ依テ、室カラ車ヒ出サ
シタ。彼ハ一瞬後、失神状態テ帰ラサシテ来シタ。
彼ハ行撲傷ト顰痕、アヘ場所ヲ見セテクレマシタ。
彼ハ「クレ、人、監視人、前テ日本人ニカタ
タリニシタ。後ニ、監視人等ニ日本人、命令テ
彼ヲ行ツタ事ナス。」
八、ノ、室ニヘテカラ御三回周過キド、少尉
ト私ハ連し出サセテ互ニ向ヒアタリテ、死刑監房ニ
燐房監禁セマシタ。私共ハ共處ニ約半週間今
シテキマシタ。食物ハ前ニ手ハラタト治ド同シテシタ。
見張ハ食物ヲ持テ來タ時、ソレ入レヒニテ、手開
ケ事ヲ屢々拒ミマシタ。ソコテ我々ハ監房、梯、
角カラ食物ヲ取ラネバナラズ、ソラスルニハ四ヲ横二片

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向テに必要ケル、テ液体ガ流シテシマシタ。
便所、バケツハ枚イサンヒヨスル馬ニ一日一回五分用ト
ヘテヒ時間、他ハ晝モ夜モ裁キ、監禁室ニ置キテアリマシタ。

或日、少尉ハ日本人見張リニ連し出セシミ
テ。敵擄間後ニ帰ツテ來テ彼ハ放送局ニ連シテ行
カレソコテ打タヒタト私ニ語シテシタソノ打タヒタ狀況ヲ
私ニテ、如ク語シテ聞いてシム。

先ツ第一ニ顔ヲ平手テ殴ラシシカラ後頭部ヲ鉄
棒テ殴ラシ失神シテ打キ倒サシタトクロヲ水ヲ頭
カラブツカケテ正氣ニ返ツタニテス。

次ニ背中ヲ鉄棒テ殴ラシ最後ニ目隠シサシテア
シキ、スナックラ彼、外、周ニ掃シ込マシタ、テス。
之ハ皆ソニニ體格オタ日本人少尉、命令テサシタト
事テス。彼ハ營倉、棒、頭カラ彼、背中、鞭痕
後頭部、大キナ瘤、又ビ彼、ツノ指、爪下、赤イ。
印ヲ私ニ見セテクシタ。

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